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From the Poſt Boy July, 20.

Extract of a Letter from St. David's in the Eaſt Indies, dated December 26, 1727.

A Moſt barbarous Murder hath been committed in our Fort, the moſt unprecedented Action that ever was heard of here: It was perpetrated the 26th of September laſt, upon the Body of one Mr. John Packer, between 3 and 4 a-clock in the Morning; the Murderer got in at his Window, and cut his Throat in three Places; the poor Gentleman made two or three terrible Shriecks and alarmed the Guard, but the Noiſe ceaſing, the Guard thought there was no Harm done. At 5 a clock the Fort Gates were opened, and a black Fellow, who had formerly been a Servant amongſt us, was obſerved to paſs the Gate. Between 7 and 8 the ſame Morning, the Corpſe of this poor Gentleman was found in a Corner of his Room on the Floor, he was a Factor in the Service, and of a good Family; ſome Days after, this black Fellow was apprehended, who confeſſed, that he was concerned in it, and impeached a Writer in the Service, as a principal Actor in this barbarous Murder, but whether he be innocent or guilty, GOD knows; he is to be tried the 5th of next Month; it will be impoſſible to convict him by our Laws, he boldly denies the Fact, there are a great many odd Circumſtances, but none ſufficient to take his Life. It is a moſt unaccountable Thing that the Murderers were not taken in the Fact, for there was an European Centinel at the Door of his outward Room, who heard the Noiſe, and alarmed the Guard, but could not tell what Part of the Fort it came from. The Black Fellow will be hanged in Chains, and the Writer will certainly be diſmiſſed the Service and ſent home.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt July 20.

Cadix, July 6. It is written from Malaga, That the Reſolution of the Sallee Rovers to moleſt the Engliſh Navigation, was more a common Report than any Certainty, and 'tis ſaid the new Baſhaw of Tangier has wrote to Col. Clayton at Gibraltar, That his Orders were very poſitive for preſerving the Peace with them, and that from Tetuan it was confirmed: So that the Engliſh hope all may blow over, and a good Underſtanding be preſerved. The Dutch Squadron under Vice-Admiral de Grave, are at Gibraltar; and here the Quarentain ſubſiſts without the leaſt Amendment. The *San Philip* and *San Carlos*, two Spaniſh Men of War, the former of 70, and the latter of 64 Guns, are ready for ſailing, it is preſumed for the Havana. The *Elizabeth*, Capt Bulmer, is arrived from Sallee at Gibraltar, by whom they have no certainty of the Moors intending to take Engliſh Ships.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, July 20.

The following Relation being very ſtrange, we chuſe to give it in the Words of our Correſpondent.

Bromiſter, Dorſetſhire, July 14. We have a very unaccountable Story here, concerning a School Boy that was found dead in a deep Ditch, a little Way out of Town; they took up the Body and buried it (without having the Coroner.) About three Weeks after, the Boy appeared in the School in his uſual Place, and a Coffin behind him, with a Snuff coloured Waſtecoat on that his Mother was mending at the ſame Time. His Brother ſaid to the other Boys, who all ſaw him, *Here's our Jack*; and becauſe he did not ſpeak, threw at him, and immediately he vaniſhed, and all the Church and School Gallery were dark for two Minutes, to their great Surprize, upon which they ran down Stairs, and lik'd to have harmed themſelves. About 3 Days after he was ſeen by a Man, in the Field where he was found dead. The Man and Boys were examined before Collonel Broadropp, and made Oath they ſaw the Apparition; and it being noiſed about the Town, the Gentlemen laſt Saturday ſent for the Coroner, who cauſed the Body to be taken up and viewed by Surgeons, who found he was ſtrangled, and the Jury brought it in *Wilful Murder*. Several

veral are ſuſpected, but none as yet charged with it. They ſay the Coroner has fined the Town in 100 L. The Boy was worth 800 L.

From Briſtol, that Foreign Corn and Flower continues to be imported; and that they expected Brigadier Honeywood to review the Forces there the latter End of this Month.

A Week or two ago, a Proctor was ſent for to a Tavern in the Commons, by a Subſtantial Looking Country Man, and a jolly handſome Semſtriſs, about a Licence for them: But it ſeems the Bargain was not quite finiſhed, being ſtruck only at an accidental Meeting at her Houſe upon a Queſtion of Gallantry often put to the Ladies; ſhe freely accepted him for a *Careleſs Husband*; the Time preſent agreed on: He cries, *hang the Party that flinches*, ſhe replies, *The De'l take the Flincher*. A Coach brings them with her Maid to the Commons, but when it came to the Point, both their Reſolutions did not hold. The Man ask'd her if it required not more Conſideration, and gave her to underſtand he had eight Children; but that not leſſening her Regard for her Word paſt, or Deſire for a Husband, he flatly declined it, and ſo the Proctor, and Madam with her Maid, took their Leaves, ſeverely reproaching him for the Diſappointment, and he ſtaid behind to pay the Reckoning, well ſatisfied that he had not undertook to do more than he was able. 'Tis obſervable from the whole, that the Women now-a-days exceed the Men, both in Courage and keeping their Promiſes.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, July 20.

London, July 20. On Wedneſday laſt the Honourable Colonel Watſon, Commander in Chief of the Royal Artillery at Gibraltar, arrived ſafe at his Houſe in St. James's Park, and the next Day he waited on their Majeſties at Hampton Court, had the Honour to kiſs their Majeſties Hand, and was very graciouſly received.

Laſt Night the Seſſions ended at the Old Baily, when Mary Northrop was burnt in the Hand for marrying two Husbands both now Living.

We hear that ſeveral new Propoſals are ready to be laid before the Commiſſioners for building a Bridge at Fulham, at their next Meeting, which will be on the 6th of Auguſt next, at the Lottery Office in Whitehall.

From the London Evening Poſt, July 20.

Ratisbon, July 15. The Elector Palatine uſes his utmoſt Efforts to invalidate the late Decree of the Aulick Council, in regard to the Affair of Zwingenberg, or at leaſt to render it ineffectual. His Electoral Highneſs has, among other Things, ſent Circular Letters to the Roman Catholick States of the Empire, to complain of the Biſhop of Conſtance, on Account of his having accepted this Commiſſion; But the Prince of Furſtemberg, the Emperor's Chief Commiſſary, has, 'tis ſaid, declared, That if the Elector Palatine does not, within the limited Time of two Months, give the Satisfaction required to the Baron of Gohler, the Execution ſhall infallibly take Place. The Agent of the Duke of Meclemburg Swerin, uſes his utmoſt Endeavours to engage the States of the Empire to concern themſelves in his Favour againſt the Decree of the Aulick Council, which removes this Prince from the Regency of his Dominions, pretending, that it is contrary to the Imperial Capitulation, and of dangerous Conſequence.

London, July 20. Lady Fanny Shirley, *The Celebrated Engliſh Beauty*, has lately put her Hip out by a Fall off her Horſe, to the great Grief of the polite Part of Mankind.

South Sea Stock 103, 3 8ths. Ditto Annuities, 102, 7 8ths. Bank, 131. India 116. York Buildings 15, 1 8th.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, July 23.

Since our laſt arrived the Mails from France, Holland and 3 from Flanders.

THE Court of Chancery has complied with the Petition mentioned in our former, of the Lady Mary Worthley-Montague, for having the Care of her Siſter the Counteſs of Mar, who is diſtracted. Dr. Friend continues dangerouſly ill.

On Saturday laſt died Sir Samuel Lambert; and on Sunday laſt alſo died after Dinner ſuddenly, at Piſhbury near Harborow in Herefordſhire, Sir Nathaniel Gould, Repreſentative in Parliament for Shoreham, and one of the Directors of the Bank of England.

The ſuſpected Murder and Robbery of Mr. Roſtock

ſtock, the Exchange Broker mentioned in our laſt, occaſions various Diſcourſes and Surmiſes. His Body is not yet found: But on Saturday Morning a Gardner going to Market found near Lambeth Park-Wall, his Cloaths, Wig and Hat, which had ſeveral Cuts, appearing to have been done by the Claws of an Hammer. There was likewiſe Blood which ſeem'd almoſt freſh and warm on the Wig and Hat; alſo Blood on his Cloaths, the Coat torn, and Blood on the Ground and Rails; and which is remarkable, ſome Blood in a Tin Pot ſtanding by. The farther Accounts we have are, That Mr. Roſtock was heard to ſay he muſt ſettle Affairs with his Principals, and was to meet ſome of them at Lambeth about 6 in the Evening, but was ſeen near the Exchange till ſeven; that he alſo ſaid he muſt take Care of his Notes, for that he had been dogged by a Fellow he did not like.

By the Holland Mail we learn, That the Conferences for Peace were greater at Paris than at Soiſſons, where however the laſt Hand to the Treaty is to be put; but when that will be, none of us knows.

The Letters from Madrid talk of 2 new Battallions being to be raiſed out of Hand to augment the Marines, and likewiſe of 500 Seamen to be tranſported to Cadiz; and of Orders being diſpatched to the Duke of Liria in Moſcovy, to preſs the Building of 4 more Fregates there for the Service of Spain: But whatever the Catholick King may aim at, 'tis certain Great Britain will never conſent to part with their Rights and Poſſeſſions. We are informed by private Letters from Gibraltar, That they have cut a great Road from the Town up to Will's Battery, ſo deep that a Man cannot be ſeen paſſing it from the Land; That the Gun Ports were now cut in the ſolid Rock, and 52, each of 32 Pounders, and of a great Length, were placed on the ſaid Battery, which being to be covered over and made Bomb-Proof, there is not ſuch an other in all the World; That the Old Mole Head is finiſhed and mounted with 17 Guns double Proof, of 32 Pounders; they are alſo of a great Length, and the Port Holes are very near the Water; That Iron Palliſadoes were placing where the Wooden ones were, of a new Invention In a Word, no Coſt is wanting for making it the ſtrongeſt Fortreſs in Europe.

This Day Mr. Wolfe, Printer of Miſt's Journal, was taken into Cuſtody of Mr. Kent the Meſſenger, as we hear for ſome Reflections inſerted in his Paper of Saturday laſt, on a great Miniſter of State, &c.

The Queen intending to take the Diverſion of Hunting in Windſor Foreſt with the King, a new Chaiſe is bought for her Majeſty. The Horſes are training up for that Purpoſe.

The King of Spain, notwithſtanding the Memorials of the Miniſters of Great Britain, France and Holland, has iſſued Orders for laying the ſame Duties on the Ship Franciſco Xavier, arrived at Port Paſſage, as were laid upon the Flotilla, and that 200,000 Piaſters extraordinary, are propoſed to be raiſed upon her Lading, and to be reimburſed upon the Arrival of the Galleons.

Next Week Sir Robert Walpole deſigns to keep a publick Table at Hampton Court, during their Majeſty's Stay there.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, July 23.

Petersburg, Jully 6. A Courier has paſſed by here from Madrid, with Diſpatches for the Duke of Liria, who has Orders to preſs the building of 4 Fregats deſign'd for Spain, to the end they may be able to put to Sea by the End of this Month, with Cannon and other Proviſions of War. There lies at Revel 6 Fregats of 39 Guns, juſt ready to put to Sea.

Amſterdam, July 30. They write from Madrid of the 12th inſt. that the King ſtill kept his Chamber; That 2 new Regiments were to be raiſed, to reinforce the Spaniſh Marines.

'Tis adviſed from Rome of the 10th, That Cardinal Alberoni was returned thither, after having, as 'tis aſſured, conferred with the Pretender at Parma.

They write from Soiſſons of the 25th Inſt. That greater Conferences were held at Paris than there, but that the laſt Hand would be put to the Treaty at Soiſſons.

From the Evening Poſt, July 23.

Madrid, July 6. The Miniſters of France, England and Holland have preſented Memorials againſt that Clauſe in the Royal Edict, which obliges all Ships coming from theſe Countries to perform a Quarentaine.

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Petersburg. July 2. Vice-Admiral Synawyn has received Orders to put to Sea with 9 Fregats, fitted out at Cronſlot and Revel, with Victuals for 4 Months, and not to open his Inſtructions till he arrives at the Coaſt of Finland. Alſo the equipping of 14 Men of War, which has been ſuſpended for ſome Time, is now reſumed with the utmoſt Expedition; 'tis not ſaid with what Intent, only that they are to ſail to the North Sea. 'Tis Matter of no ſmall Speculation here, That our Emperor has ordered the erecting of a Fort in the ſmall Iſland Nargen, which, tho' very barren, his Majeſty has ordered to be peopled.

Paris, July 23. Some are of opinion that the Conferences will be ſhortly reſum'd, and that Prince Ragotski is going to Soiſſons.

Bologna, July 10. 'Tis aſſured that the Pretender, the Princeſs his Conſort and their Son, are to repair to Parma, and to partake of the Diverſions the Duke of that Name deſigns to give on account of his Marriage: They are to begin the 13th Inſt. and continue a whole Week.

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Hamburg, July 23. Our Letters from Copenhagen inform us, That a Ruſſian Fregat of 36 Guns, bound for Spain, having arrived in the Road of that Port, had proceeded on her Voyage to Cadix; and 'tis ſaid, was to be followed by ſeveral other Ruſſian Fregats, that were to put to Sea from Cronſlot. According to our laſt Letters from Hanover, his R. Highneſs Prince Frederick had been ſome Days indiſpoſed and obliged to keep his Bed; and tho' his Illneſs was ſaid not to be dangerous, an Expreſs has been ſent to London, to give notice of it to the Court of G. Britain.

London, July 23. There were ſome Thoughts of his Majeſty taking a Tour towards York this Seaſon, but we hear this Deſign is laid aſide.

'Tis ſaid the Parliament will ſit to do Buſineſs in the Beginning of October.

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Bruſſels, July 20. We hear from Soiſſons, That by Conſent of Count Zinzendorf the Conferences were recommenced between the Plenipotentiaries left there, to tranſact Affairs of leſs Moment; but that nothing remarkable was yet tranſacted. The Expreſs from Madrid was not yet returned, and that ſome pretended to ſay, tho' without any manner of Ground, That the reſt of the Conferences were to be held at Cambray. In the mean time Couriers paſs and repaſs thither from Vienea, but on what Occaſion we cannot learn.

They write from Oſtend, That the Directors of the Eaſt India Company flatter themſelves of a full Subſiſtence of their Company, by reaſon of the many Delays in the Congreſs.

Leith, July 29. This Day the Stage Coach is ſet a-going 'twixt this and Edinburgh, in the uſual Manner.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†§† Whereas a great many Perſons have for ſome Years paſt us'd the Freedom (without Liberty ask'd or given) to hunt or go a-fowling with Setting Dogs, Guns and Nets, upon the Grounds and Fields belonging to Her Grace the Dutcheſs of Buccleuch, and to the Rt. Honourable the Earls of Dalkeith and Traquare, by which the GAME is almoſt entirely waſted and deſtroyed: Theſe are therefore to advertiſe all Perſons, who after the 10th of Auguſt next ſhall, without producing to the Chamberlains of the ſeveral Diſtricts, a ſpecial Warrant for hunting or fowling upon the Fields or Grounds above-mentioned, That the Contraveeners ſhall be ſtrictly proſecute, upon the Acts of Parliament for preſerving the GAME.

†¶† That the Parks of Niſbet, containing about Three Plough-gang of Land, incloſed and divided by a ſtone and Lime Dike, with a good Dwellinghouſe two ſtories high, and convenient Officehouſes for a Farmer; As alſo, Four Plough-gang of Land not incloſed, having good Onſteads and proper Officehouſes; all belonging to Sir Hary Niſbet of Dean, and within a Mile of Edinburgh: Are immediately to be ſet in Tack to 2 or 3 different Tenants for the enſuing Cropt 1729, at a reaſonable Rent, and for ſuch Space as can be beſt agreed on. The Rental and Conditions of the Tacks to be ſeen in the Hands of Archibald Stuart Writer to the ſigner, oppoſite to the Tolbooth: And any Tenant enquiring for Robert Henderſon, Grieve at Dean, will be attended by him in viewing the Ground.

N. B. The above Plough-gangs of Land, for theſe 4 or 5 Cropts paſt, have been in the Hands of Sir John Niſbet of Dean, deceaſt, and were by him brought into perfect good Order for Tenantry. There are ſeveral Houſes and Yards alſo to be ſet at Dean.

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N. B. The 2d Quarter of the 9th Year commenced the the 25th Inſtant: So the Author expects, that thoſe who are furniſhed with this Paper, will pay up the Arrears, with this Quarter.